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Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)

Serial No.: 09/618,566)

Filed: July 17, 2000)

For: ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING)
SYSTEM, INSTRUMENTATION, AND)
METHOD OF INSTALLATION)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 6, 2001, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 200-281, 288, and 289 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and amend the remaining claims (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

282. (Amended) An anterior cervical plate system for engaging at least three vertebral bodies of a human cervical spine along the anterior aspect of the spine, said device comprising: